## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. 5:18CR25-FDW
v.	)	
	)	FACTUAL BASIS
TIMOTHY SCOTT HARDIN	)	
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NOW COMES the United States of America, by and through R. Andrew Murray, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and hereby files this Factual Basis in support of the defendant's guilty plea filed in this matter.

This Factual Basis is filed pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 11.2 and does not attempt to set forth all of the facts known to the United States at this time. By their signatures below, the parties expressly agree that there is a factual basis for the guilty plea(s) that the defendant will tender, and that the facts set forth in this Factual Basis are sufficient to establish all of the elements of the crime(s). The parties agree not to object to or otherwise contradict the facts set forth in this Factual Basis.

Upon acceptance of the plea, the United States will submit to the Probation Office a "Statement of Relevant Conduct" pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 32.4. The defendant may submit (but is not required to submit) a response to the Government's "Statement of Relevant Conduct" within seven days of its submission. The parties understand and agree that this Factual Basis does not necessarily represent all conduct relevant to sentencing. The parties agree that they have the right to object to facts set forth in the presentence report that are not contained in this Factual Basis. Either party may present to the Court additional relevant facts that do not contradict facts set forth in this Factual Basis.

- 1. Between on or about May 29, 2016 and May 31, 2016, the defendant knowingly received multiple files of child pornography. The files were transported using the internet from an individual in England.
  - 2. The internet is a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

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## Defendant's Counsel's Signature and Acknowledgment

I have read this Factual Basis and the Bill of Indictment in this case, and have discussed them with the defendant. Based on those discussions, I am satisfied that the defendant understands the Factual Basis and the Bill of Indictment. I hereby certify that the defendant does not dispute this Factual Basis.

DATED:  $\frac{1}{3}$ 

PETER ADOLF

Attorney for Defendant